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ENCAMPMENT 98 IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO SELF-DESTRUCT.
THAT'S THE 8TH REQUEST SO FAR.
YES, SIR!
PERMISSION GRANTED.
YES, WE'RE BARELY HANGING ON BY PRIORITIZING ENEMIES THAT HAVE BROKEN THROUGH.
WE'RE JUST GOING BACK AND FORTH...
RIEDE IS CLEARLY FLUSTERED, THOUGH SHE'S A STAFF OFFICER, IT'S HER FIRST TIME ON THE FRONT LINE.

YOUR HIGHNESS,
PRINCESS GLORIE'S HEAVY CAVALRY UNIT HAS STILL NOT MOVED.
MERIA AND VILIA LOOK CALM,
BUT THAT'S PROBABLY JUST A RACIAL DIFFERENCE.

I INITIALLY WONDERED WHICH OF THEIR FLANKS WOULD ATTACK US,
BUT IT SEEMS THEY PLAN TO JUST SIMPLY CHARGE US, GIVEN ALL THE TROOPS STILL IN THE MIDDLE.

MOBILITY IS THE ENTIRE POINT OF CAVALRY,
YET PRINCESS GLORIE IS JUST KEEPING THEM NEAR HER FOR SOME REASON...

INDEED, THE EMPIRE'S MOVEMENTS ARE A BIT TOO DULL.
THEY ARE MOST LIKELY AIMING FOR YOUR HIGHNESS.

IF WE ASSUME THEY KNOW NOTHING OF THE UNIT WE SENT TO WILMAGS,

BUT WHAT OF THOSE SOLDIERS CHARGING INTO OUR FORMATION? THEY'RE JUST TAKING FIRE FROM ALL SIDES.

THEN THEIR PLAN IS LIKELY TO EXHAUST US WITH THAT CANNON, AND ATTACK WHEN THEY SEE AN OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE EVEN THEY DON'T WANT TO TAKE UNNECESSARY LOSSES.

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BUT,
REGARDLESS OF HOW WE FARE HERE, IT WON'T BRING US VICTORY.
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THE DAMAGE WE'VE TAKEN SO FAR HAS DISABLED MANY OF OUR CANNONS,
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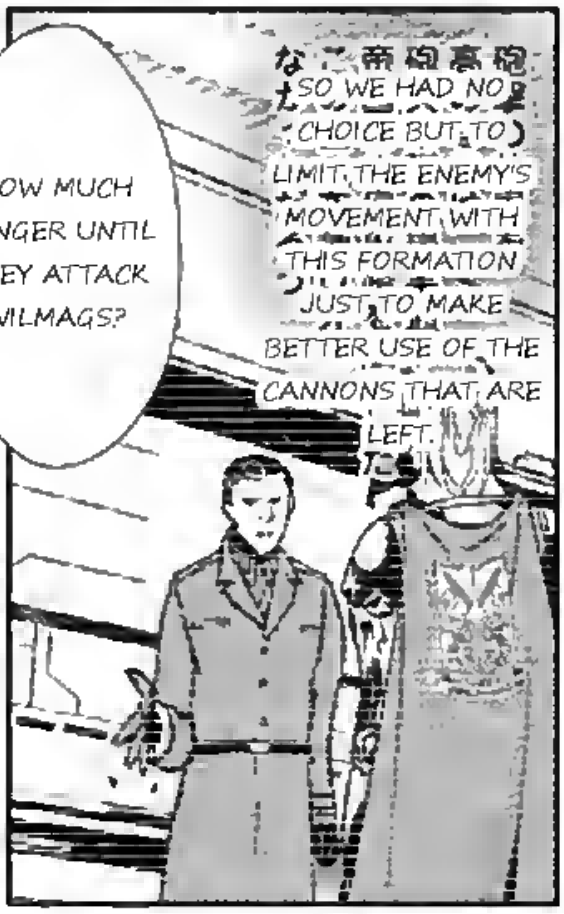
HOW MUCH LONGER UNTIL THEY ATTACK WILMAGS?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SO WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LIMIT THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENT WITH THIS FORMATION JUST TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THE CANNONS THAT ARE LEFT.

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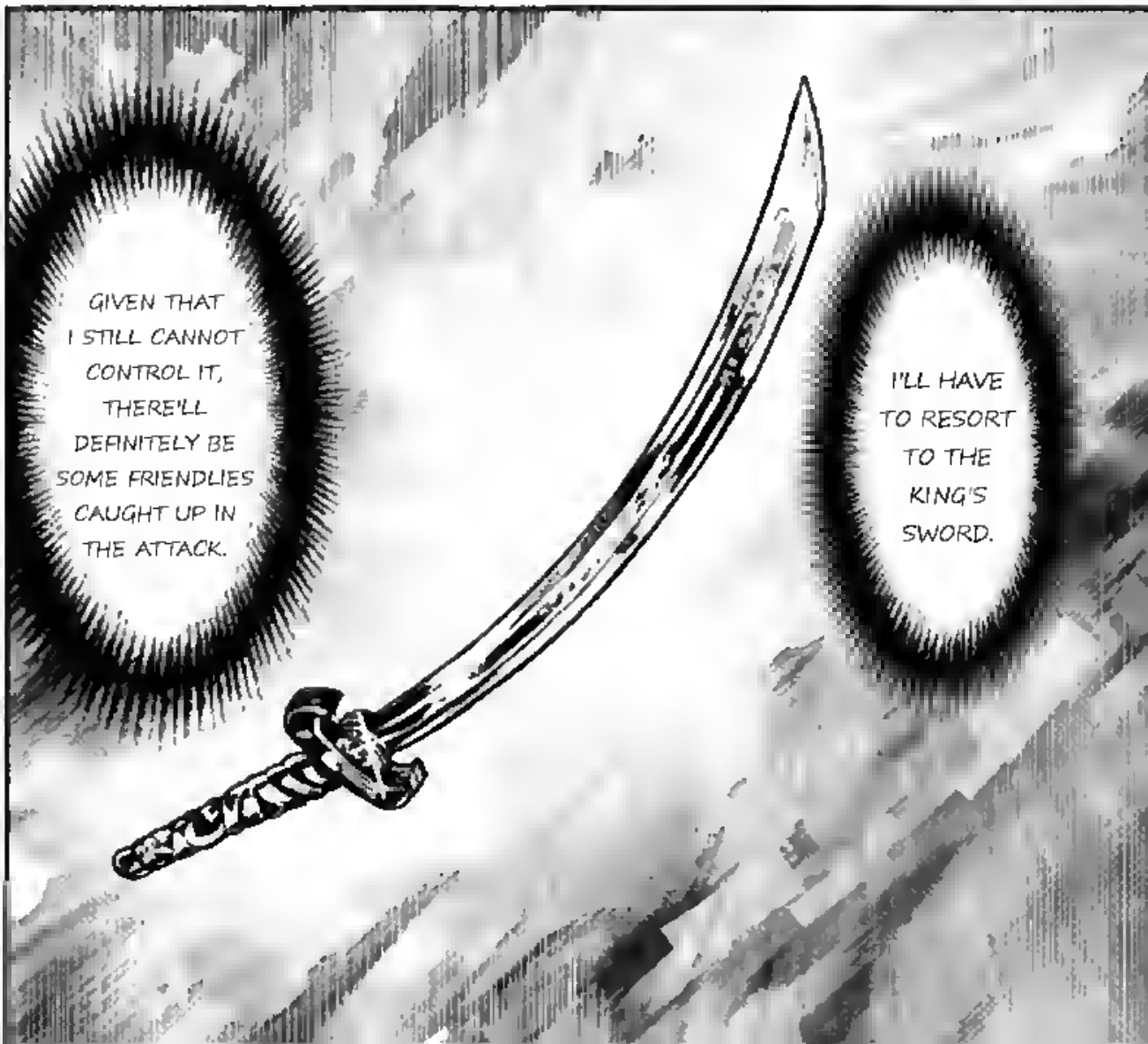
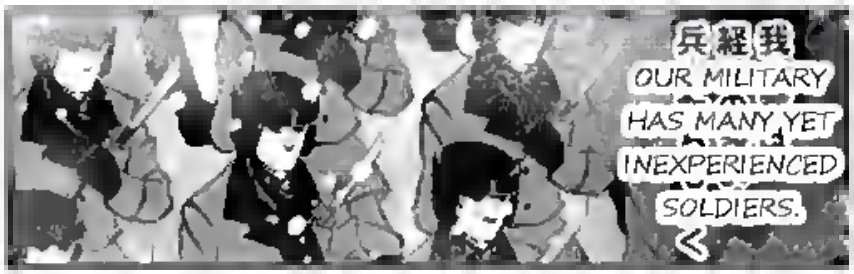
BUT IF ANYTHING HAPPENS THAT CAUSES THEM TO ABANDON THEIR ASSAULT,
IF IT GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN, WE SHOULD HOLD OUT,
4 HOURS AND 39 MINUTES REMAINING


GIVEN THAT I STILL CANNOT CONTROL IT, THERE'LL DEFINITELY BE SOME FRIENDLIES CAUGHT UP IN THE ATTACK.
I'LL HAVE TO RESORT TO THE KING'S SWORD.

SHE WILL DEFINITELY COME.
WILL THE PEOPLE REALLY OBEY A KING WHO KILLS HIS OWN MEN?
I COULD WIN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRUST, BUT THE EMPIRE WILL ATTACK AGAIN BEFORE I CAN REGAIN IT.
SOLIDIFY THE DEFENSE FOR GLORIE'S ASSAULT,
AND THAT WILL BE THE END FOR THE KINGDOM.

WE'VE BEEN FIRING FOR 6 HOURS, YET ONLY 2 SHOTS ACTUALLY HIT...
THE MOMENT LECTIVAL APPEARED, THEY ALL STARTED CHARGING AT HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, GRAND-MOTHER?! JUST LOOK AT THOSE FOOLS!
THE REGENT TAKING TO THE FIELD, AND THUNDER'S BOMBARDMENT HAS BOOSTED OUR MEN'S MORALE THOUGH.
THIS IS WHY I CAN'T STAND THOSE STUPID NOBLES ACTING AS LEADERS WHEN THEY HAVE NO EXPERIENCE!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OUR MILITARY HAS MANY YET INEXPERIENCED SOLDIERS.

IN CONTRAST TO THE DISCIPLINED SOLDIERS OF THE KINGDOM, THEY CARE ONLY FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT.

DRUNK WITH THE POWER THEY'VE OBTAINED, THEY EVEN TORMENT THOSE WHO SURRENDER.

THE COMMANDERS WHO WERE STAYING OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS' RANGE ARE SUDDENLY CHARGING INTO CANNON FIRE FOR THE SAKE OF ACHIEVEMENTS.

DO THEY NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THE KINGDOM'S SOLDIERS ARE UNLIKE THE HUMANOIDS OF THE WEST?!
IF THEY JUST CHARGE ON THEIR OWN LIKE THAT, THE FRONT LINES WILL FALL APART!
SEND OUT THE MESSENGERS AND GET THAT MESSAGE ACROSS! THE KINGDOM IS NOT TO BE UNDER-ESTIMATED!

THIS RECKLESS GIRL ACTUALLY FEARS HER ENEMY.
RIGHT AWAY!
I NEED TO THANK THAT REGENT FOR HELPING
MY GRAND-DAUGHTER MATURE.

THERE WAS NO REASON TO NOT BE AT EASE WHEN THEY WERE IN IMPERIAL TERRITORY.
THE 5000 IMPERIAL SOLDIERS STATIONED AT WILMAGS WERE WORKING AS THEY ALWAYS DID,
UNLIKE THEIR BRETHREN, WHO WERE FIGHTING THE KINGDOM'S SOLDIERS, THEY COULD GO OUT INTO TOWN AND ENJOY ALCOHOL AND WOMEN.

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HEY! DOWN THERE!
A POWER OUTAGE?

ISN'T IT IN AN HOUR AND A HALF?

HEY, SOMEONE GIVE ME A HAND OVER HERE!
WE'RE BUSY OURSELVES.
THERE'S NO END TO THESE ICICLES.
WHEN'S THE NEXT SHOT?

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THE ENEMY'S ATTACKING!

WE'LL BE MEETING OUR INSIDE MAN IN THE SEWERS AND ATTACKING THE TOWN.
OUR AIM IS THE SOUTH GATE'S CONTROL ROOM.
THE 1ST UNIT IS MOVING TOWARDS THE CANNON,

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU

HE'S PROBABLY BEEN TREATED LIKE TRASH HERE.
FOLLOW ME.
A HUMANOID LIVING IN WILMAGS...

THIS WAY.
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RUSH IN!
AAAGH!

I'LL GO CHECK WITH THE CONTROL ROOM.
WHY'S THE GATE OPENING?
WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS HOUR?
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EEK!
AAAGH!
THE KINGDOM'S SOLDIERS?!

RUN TO THE NORTH!
THE KINGDOM IS ATTACKING FROM THE SOUTH!

WE'RE LEAVING THE EMPIRE!
GATHER YOUR BELONG INGS!
WE'RE GOING TO THE KINGDOM!
AS THE MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE RAN TO THE NORTH,
ALL AS PLANNED AND AGREED UPON WITH GALAHA.
THE OPPRESSED HUMANOIDS OF THE LOWER CLASS INSTEAD PACKED THEIR BELONGING AND ESCAPED FROM WILMAGS,

SHIT! RETREAT!
WHAT'S TAKING THE REINFORCE-MENTS NEAR THE CANNON SO LONG?!
CAPTAIN IT'S THE ENEMY!
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO EVACUATE THE RESIDENTS AND FACE THE ENEMY!
MAGE UNIT PREPARING TO ATTACK!

FIRE!
A STATIONARY TARGET STANDS NO CHANCE!
FOCUS ON THE DESIGNATED WEAK POINTS!
THE AREA AROUND THE CANNON HAS BEEN CLEARED OUT!
UGH...

THE CANNON HAS BEEN DEALT WITH!
HURRY AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE CITY.
NOW FOR GLORIE.